

441—117.8 (237) Specific in-service training required.

117.8(1) Medication management. Within the initial training cycle, each individual foster parent shall complete one hour of training related to the use and practice of medication management.

a. Training shall be completed through the approved individual self-study course, “Medication Management.”

b. One hour of in-service training credit shall be allowed for completion of this self-study course. This course cannot be repeated for in-service training credit.

c. Foster parents who are already licensed on October 1, 2009, shall complete this training by October 1, 2010.

117.8(2) Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). All foster parents shall be certified in CPR every three years and shall maintain a certificate indicating the date of training and expiration.

a. The training shall be provided by:

(1) A nationally recognized training organization, such as the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, or Emergency Medical Planning (Medic First Aid), or

(2) An equivalent certified trainer and curriculum approved by the department.

b. Newly licensed foster parents shall complete the training before the end of their initial training cycle. Foster parents who are already licensed on October 1, 2009, shall complete this training by October 1, 2010.

117.8(3) First aid. All foster parents shall be certified in first aid every three years and shall maintain a certificate indicating the date of training and expiration. Newly licensed foster parents shall complete the training before the end of their initial training cycle. Foster parents who are already licensed on October 1, 2009, shall complete this training by October 1, 2010.

117.8(4) Child abuse reporting. Each foster parent shall complete approved training relating to the identification of child abuse and requirements and procedures for the reporting of child abuse pursuant to Iowa Code section 232.68.

a. Training cycle. Newly licensed foster parents shall complete mandatory reporter training before the end of their initial training cycle. The training shall be repeated every five years thereafter.

b. Training provider. The foster parent shall be responsible for obtaining the required two-hour mandatory reporter training on child abuse identification and reporting as approved by the Iowa department of public health. A list of approved training opportunities is available on the Iowa department of public health Web site by searching “mandatory reporter training.”

c. Documentation. The foster parent shall secure documentation of the training content, amount, and provider and shall forward the documentation to the recruitment and retention contractor, who will provide the documentation to the department for inclusion in the foster parent’s licensing file.

117.8(5) Caring for children with HIV. Before placement of an HIV-infected child occurs, the foster parents shall complete the course “Caring for Children With HIV” or an approved alternative course that contains information on the unique aspects of pediatric HIV disease, transmission and infection control, the spectrum of HIV disease, confidentiality, death and bereavement, and self-care for the caregiver.

117.8(6) Reasonable and prudent parent standard. Before the end of the foster parent’s initial license year, each foster parent shall complete training on the reasonable and prudent parent standard as defined in rule 441—202.1(234). Foster parents licensed before October 1, 2015, shall complete this training no later than September 30, 2016.